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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to establish the Interim Study Committee on the Economic Impact of Family Fragmentation.

*Whereas, The state of Indiana has gone to great lengths to restructure its property tax system;*

*Whereas, The state of Indiana strives to maintain an accountable stewardship over the use of public funds;*

*Whereas, The family is an economic institution, a creator of human and social capital; and*

*Whereas, The cost to taxpayers of family fragmentation has been reported for Indiana at over \$800 million annually in a groundbreaking national research study: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1: That the Legislative Council is urged to establish an Interim Study Committee on the Economic Impact of Family Fragmentation.

SECTION 2: That the committee, if established, shall



1 consist of fifteen (15) members, who shall be selected as  
2 follows:

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- 4 a. Two (2) members appointed by the President Pro  
5 Tempore of the Senate from the membership of that  
6 body. No more than one (1) member may be of the  
7 same political party.
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- 9 b. Two (2) members appointed by the Speaker of the  
10 House of Representatives from the membership of  
11 that body. No more than one (1) member may be of  
12 the same political party.
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- 14 c. Two (2) members appointed by the Governor of the  
15 state of Indiana, one (1) of whom is a fiscal policy  
16 analyst with expertise in government finance and one  
17 (1) of whom is a seasoned program manager for  
18 federal and state government and family children's  
19 programs.
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- 21 d. One (1) member employed by an institution of higher  
22 education who has expertise studying the fiscal and  
23 social impact of family structure appointed by the  
24 Governor.
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- 26 e. One (1) member employed by a public or private  
27 institution who is a recognized expert in marriage and  
28 family research, demographics and indicators  
29 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
30 Senate.
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- 32 f. One (1) member employed by a public or private  
33 institution who is a recognized expert in marriage and  
34 family research, demographics and indicators  
35 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
36 Representatives.
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- g. One (1) member who is employed in and represents the faith-based community with expertise in marriage and family issues appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- h. One (1) member who represents African-American families appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- i. One (1) member who is a representative of the business community appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- j. One (1) member who is a representative of the criminal justice system appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- k. One (1) member who is an expert in Indiana family law appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- l. One (1) member who is a current or former public school principal appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3: That if established, the chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate from the Senate members.

SECTION 4: That the committee, if established, shall examine the family's value as an economic institution and a contributor to economic success, determine a cost to Hoosier taxpayers resulting from family fragmentation, and make recommendations to strengthen Hoosier families, promote self-sufficiency, and lessen thus the burden on government. Topics to be considered include, but are not limited to:



- a. Poverty levels by type of family structure.
- b. Child poverty levels by type of family structure.
- c. Identification of Indiana's taxpayer-funded services and use of services by type of family structure, including but not limited to poverty, health and education programs and criminal justice services.
- d. Impact analysis of the cost to Indiana state and local taxpayers for use of taxpayer-funded services by type of family structure.
- e. Impact analysis of the cost to Indiana employers as a result of family fragmentation.
- f. Identification of tax, legal and other systemic incentives or disincentives to family formation and cohesiveness.
- g. Identification of social, health, education or other incentives or disincentives to family formation and cohesiveness.
- h. Analysis of demographic trends and their relevance to family formation and economic stability.
- i. Any other issues deemed relevant by the committee.

SECTION 5: That if established, the committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council.

SECTION 6: That the committee, if established, shall meet as needed to accomplish its purpose.

SECTION 7: That if established, members of the committee



1 are entitled to per diem and travel allowances.  
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3 SECTION 8: That if established, the legislative services  
4 agency shall provide legal and fiscal staff support to the  
5 committee.  
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7 SECTION 9: That if established, the affirmative vote of a  
8 majority of the members appointed to the committee is  
9 required for the committee to take action on any measure,  
10 including final reports.  
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12 SECTION 10: That the committee, if established, shall issue  
13 a final report to the Legislative Council no later than  
14 November 1, 2009, containing the findings and  
15 recommendations of the committee, including any  
16 recommended legislation. The report must be in an  
17 electronic format under IC 5-14-6.  
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19 SECTION 11: The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
20 to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Legislative  
21 Council through the Executive Director of the Legislative  
22 Services Agency.

